

SUBCHAPTER 6

NONRESIDENTIAL, HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL, AND HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCIES—ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, AND REPAIRS

SECTION 149 – ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, AND REPAIRS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS THAT WILL BE NONRESIDENTIAL, HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL, AND HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCIES AND TO EXISTING OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR THESE OCCUPANCIES AND TO INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGNS

(a) **Additions.** Additions shall meet either Item 1 or 2 below.

1. **Prescriptive approach.** The envelope and lighting of the addition, any newly installed space-conditioning or water-heating system serving the addition, any addition to an outdoor lighting system, and any new sign installed in conjunction with an indoor or outdoor addition shall meet the applicable requirements of Sections 110 through 139 and Sections 142 through 148.
2. **Performance approach.**
 - A. The envelope and indoor lighting in the conditioned space of the addition, and any newly installed space-conditioning or water-heating system serving the addition, shall meet the applicable requirements of Sections 110 through 139; and
 - B. Either:
 - i. The addition alone shall comply with Section 141; or
 - ii. The energy efficiency of the existing building shall be improved so that the entire building meets the energy budget in Section 141 that would apply to the entire building, if the alterations to the existing building met the requirements of 149 (b) 2 B, and the addition alone complied with Item 1.

EXCEPTION 1 to Section 149 (a): When heating, cooling, or service water heating to an addition are provided by expanding existing systems, the existing systems and equipment need not comply with Sections 110 through 129, or Sections 144 through 145.

EXCEPTION 2 to Section 149 (a): Where an existing system with electric reheat is expanded by adding variable air volume (VAV) boxes to serve an addition, total electric reheat capacity may be expanded not to exceed 50 percent of the existing installed electric heating capacity in any one permit and the system need not comply with Section 144 (g). Additional electric reheat capacity in excess of 50 percent may be added subject to the requirements of the Section 144 (g).

EXCEPTION 3 to Section 149 (a): When ducts will be extended from an existing duct system to serve the addition, the ducts shall meet the requirements of Section 149(b)1.D.

(b) **Alterations.** Alterations to existing nonresidential, high-rise residential, or hotel/motel buildings or alterations in conjunction with a change in building occupancy to a nonresidential, high-rise residential, or hotel/motel occupancy not subject to Subsection (a) shall meet either Item 1 or 2 below.

1. **Prescriptive approach.** The altered envelope, space conditioning, lighting and water heating components, and any newly installed equipment serving the alteration, shall meet the applicable requirements of Sections 110 through 139; and

NOTE: Replacement of parts of an existing luminaire, including installing a new ballast or new lamps, without replacing the entire luminaire is not an alteration subject to the requirements of Section 149 (b) 1.

A. Alterations to the building envelope other than those subject to 149 (b) 1 B shall:

- i. When there are no changes to fenestration area, meet the requirements of Section 143 (a) for the altered component; or
EXCEPTION to Section 149 (b) 1 A (i): When only a portion of an entire building's fenestration is replaced, or 50 square feet or less of fenestration area is added, compliance may be shown with Section 149 (b) A (i) except that the solar heat gain coefficient requirement of Section 143 is not required.
- ii. Neither increase the overall heat gain nor increase the overall heat loss of the building envelope.
- B. Replacements, recovering or recoating of the exterior surface of existing nonresidential low-sloped roofs shall meet Subsection i or ii where more than fifty percent of the roof or more than 2,000 square feet of roof, whichever is less, is being replaced, recovered or recoated¹.
 - i. The roof shall meet the requirements of either 118 (i) 1 or 118 (i) 2; and for liquid applied roof coatings, Section 118 (i) 3, or
 - ii. The building envelope, which has a roof replacement subject to this requirement, shall comply with Section 143 (b), where
 - a. the standard building has a solar reflectance which meets the requirements of Section 143 (a) 1 and the other terms in Equation 143-D correspond to the existing building at the time of the application of the permit, and
 - b. the proposed building has either:
 - (1.) the solar reflectance of the replacement roof product, as certified and labeled according to the requirements of Section 10-113 and the roof product meets the requirements of Section 118 (i) 3, or
 - (2.) a solar reflectance of 0.10 if the product has not been certified and labeled and/or does not meet the requirements of Section 118 (i) 3, and
 - (3.) has the other improvements to the building envelope necessary to comply.
- EXCEPTION to Section 149 (b) 1 B:** Roof recoverings allowed by the CBC are not required to meet Section 149 (b) 1 B when all of the following occur:
 - 1. The existing roof has a rock or gravel surface, and
 - 2. The new roof has a rock or gravel surface, and
 - 3. There is no removal of existing layers of roof coverings of more than fifty percent of the roof or more than 2,000 square feet of roof, whichever is less; and
 - 4. There is no recoating with a liquid applied coating; and
 - 5. There is no installation of a recover board, rigid insulation or other rigid, smooth substrate to separate and protect the new roof recovering from the existing roof.
- C. New space-conditioning systems or components other than new or replacement space conditioning ducts shall meet the requirements of Section 144 applicable to the systems or components being altered; and
EXCEPTION to Section 149 (b) 1 C: For expansions of existing chilled water plants, Section 144 (i) applies only to expansions of more than 300 tons ~~to existing chilled water plants~~
- D. When new or replacement space-conditioning ducts are installed to serve an existing building, the new ducts shall meet the requirements of Section 124, and if they meet the criteria of Section 144 (k) 1, 2, and 3, the duct system shall be sealed and labeled as confirmed through field verification and diagnostic testing in accordance with procedures for duct sealing of existing duct systems as specified in the Reference Nonresidential ACM Appendix NA1-manual, to meet one of the following requirements:
 - i. If the new ducts form an entirely new duct system directly connected to the air handler, the measured duct leakage shall be less than 6% of fan flow; or

- ii. If the new ducts are an extension of an existing duct system, the combined new and existing duct system shall meet one of the following requirements:
 - a. The measured duct leakage shall be less than 15% of fan flow; or
 - b. The duct leakage shall be reduced by more than 60% relative to the leakage prior to the equipment having been replaced and a visual inspection shall demonstrate that all accessible leaks have been sealed; or
 - c. If it is not possible to meet the duct sealing requirements of Subsections a. or b., all accessible leaks shall be sealed and verified through a visual inspection by a certified HERS rater.

EXCEPTION to Section 149 (b) 1 D ii: Existing duct systems that are extended, which are constructed, insulated or sealed with asbestos.

- E. When a space conditioning system is altered by the installation or replacement of space conditioning equipment (including replacement of the air handler, outdoor condensing unit of a split system air conditioner or heat pump, cooling or heating coil, or the furnace heat exchanger), the duct system that is connected to the new or replaced space conditioning equipment, if the duct system meets the criteria of Section 144 (k) 1, 2., and 3., shall be sealed, as confirmed through field verification and diagnostic testing in accordance with procedures for duct sealing of existing duct systems as specified in the Reference Nonresidential Appendix NA1 ~~CM manual~~, to one of the requirements of Section 149 (b) 1 D; and

EXCEPTION 1 to Section 149 (b) 1 E.: Buildings altered so that the duct system no longer meets the criteria of Section 144 (k) 1, 2, and 3.

EXCEPTION 2 to Section 149 (b) 1 E: Duct systems that are documented to have been previously sealed as confirmed through field verification and diagnostic testing in accordance with procedures in the Reference Nonresidential ~~ACM~~ Appendix NA1 ~~manual~~.

EXCEPTION 3 to Section 149 (b) 1 E: Existing duct systems constructed, insulated or sealed with asbestos.

- F. Spaces with lighting systems installed for the first time shall meet the requirements of Sections 149(b)1 ~~149, 130, 131, 132,~~ and 143 (c), 146, and 147; and
- G. New internally and externally illuminated signs shall meet the requirements of Sections 149(b)1 and 148.
- H. Alterations to existing indoor lighting systems shall meet the following requirements:²
 - 1. Alterations that increase the connected lighting load, or replace, or remove and re-install more than a total of 50 percent or more of the luminaires in an enclosed space, shall meet the requirements of Sections 149(b)1 ~~149, 130, 131, 132,~~ and 146; and³
 - 2. The following wiring alterations shall meet the requirements of Section 149(b)1:
 - i. Where new or moved wiring is being installed to serve added or moved luminaries; or
 - ii. Where conductor wiring from the panel or from a light switch to the luminaires is being replaced, or
 - iii. Where a lighting panel is installed or moved.
 - 3. For an alteration where an existing enclosed space is subdivided into two or more spaces, the new enclosed spaces shall meet the requirements of Section 149(b)1;
 - 4. Alterations that increase the existing lighting power density to greater than 0.5 watts per square foot shall meet the requirements of Sections 149(b)1, 143 (c), 146, and 147; and
- I. Alterations to existing outdoor lighting systems that for any lighting application increase the connected lighting load or replace more than 50 percent of the luminaires shall meet the requirements of Section 147; and
- J. Alterations to existing internally and externally illuminated signs that increase the connected lighting load, replace and rewire more than 50 percent of the ballasts, or relocate the sign to a different location on the same site or on a different site shall meet the requirements of Section 148; and

NOTE: Replacement of parts of an existing sign, including replacing lamps, the sign face or ballasts, that do not require rewiring or that are done at a time other than when the sign is relocated, is not an alteration subject to the requirements of Section 149 (b) 1 J.

K. New service water-heating systems shall meet the requirements of Section 145.

2. Performance approach.

- A. The altered envelope, spacing conditioning, lighting and water heating components, and any newly installed equipment serving the alteration, shall meet the applicable requirements of Sections 110 through 139; and
- B. The energy efficiency of either the building or permitted space shall be improved so that the building or permitted space meets the energy budget in Section 141 that would apply to the building or permitted space, if the building envelope was unchanged, except for roofs alterations subject to Section 149 (b) 1 B, the roof alteration met the requirements of 149 (b) 1; and for any mechanical system alterations subject to Section 149(b) 1 C, D, and E, the mechanical system alterations met the requirements of Section 149 (b) 1, and for any lighting system alterations subject to Section 149 (b) 1 F, the lighting system alteration met the requirements of Section 149 (b) 1; and for any service water-heating system alteration subject to Section 149 (b) 1 K, the service water-heating system met the requirements of Section 149 (b) 1.

EXCEPTION 1 to Section 149 (b): When heating, cooling or service water heating for an alteration are provided by expanding existing systems, the existing systems and equipment need not comply with Sections 110 through 129 and Section 144 or 145.

EXCEPTION 2 to Section 149 (b): When existing heating, cooling or service water heating systems or components are moved within a building, the existing systems or components need not comply with Sections 110 through 129 and Section 144 or 145.

EXCEPTION 3 to Section 149 (b): Where an existing system with electric reheat is expanded when adding variable air volume (VAV) boxes to serve an alteration, total electric reheat capacity may be expanded not to exceed 20 percent of the existing installed electric capacity in any one permit and the system need not comply with Section 144 (g). Additional electric reheat capacity in excess of 20 percent may be added subject to the requirements of the Section 144 (g).

NOTE: Relocation or moving of a relocatable public school building is not considered an alteration for the purposes of complying with Title 24, Part 6. If an alteration is made to envelope, space conditioning, lighting or water heating components of a relocatable public school building, the alteration is subject to Section 149 (b). A relocatable public school building, for which an application for approval of original construction or for approval of alteration to the building envelope, space conditioning, lighting or water heating components of the relocatable building is submitted after the effective date of the 2004 California Energy Code, is subject to Section 143 (a) 8.

- (c) **Repairs.** Repairs shall not increase the preexisting energy consumption of the repaired component, system, or equipment.
- (d) **Alternate Method of Compliance.** Any addition, alteration, or repair may comply with the requirements of Title 24, Part 6 by meeting the applicable requirements for the entire building.

End Notes

¹ Requires clarification on wording; For roofs as an example for a total 1000 ft² roof where 50% plus is being reroofed, which part of the Section 149(b)1B.

² Edited for clarity. Some of the language has been taken from the 2005 Nonresidential Compliance Manual. A staff analysis will support requiring compliance when 50% or more of the luminaires are moved.

³ The reference to Section 132 has been removed because it refers to outdoor lighting controls only, and is incorrect to list here.